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Welcome to the Fourth Issue of “Canadian Connections @ UB”

Munroe Eagles, Director, Canadian Studies Academic Program

The year 2010-2011 was an exciting one for Canadian Studies at UB with developments on virtually all academic fronts. We deepened our relationships with Canadian institutions L’Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) and Brock University. We recently hosted a visit by Alain Olivier of the Quebec Delegation in New York. He was very enthusiastic and encouraging regarding our Quebec-related initiatives and we look forward to working closely with him to broaden and deepen these initiatives in the years to come. We sponsored a Summer Institute on Québec Studies comprised of seminars for graduate students and area professionals and teachers. We launched a Binational Executive Seminar (BES) which aims to contribute to Canadian-American understanding by offering training to political decision-makers from both sides of the border. Our relationship with Nanos Research has resulted in a seventh year of parallel polling on both sides of the CANAM border. Nik Nanos contributes a piece to this newsletter that summarizes the most significant findings of our collaborative research. In support of Canada-related programs the Program Director and Associate Director raised over $100,000 in grants and donations. Four more students

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graduated from the Advanced (Graduate) Certificate Program and a number of others have been admitted and are working on their certificate programs.

This past summer Dean Bruce McCombe of the College of Arts & Sciences stepped down and returned to his faculty home in the Physics department. He was a tremendous Dean and among his many accomplishments was the founding of the Canadian Studies Academic Program. A native of southern Maine, where annually many Canadians migrate to enjoy the area’s beautiful beaches and lakes, we have long referred to Bruce as an “honorary Canadian”. Though growing a new academic program while budgets are being cut is never easy, Bruce recognized that with our border location, and in light of our extraordinary interdependence and common interest with Canadians, we at UB have both the opportunity and the responsibility to contribute to our mutual understanding. We greatly appreciate his support and encouragement and will miss his good humor and wisdom and wish him all the very best as he returns full-time to his scholarly work in physics. Fortunately for UB, he has passed the torch to an extremely capable set of hands. Bruce Pitman, former associate dean for sponsored programs and research (who himself was born in Montreal) has assumed the Deans position as of July 1st. We wish the ‘new Bruce’ all the very best and we look forward to working with him in the years to come.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our Newsletter. Thank you for your interest in Canadian Studies at UB.

Update on Quebec Studies

Prof. and Associate Director Jean-Jacques Thomas

The academic year 2010-2011 was the last year of a three-year cycle devoted to the preparation of a visible, active and academically sound program for research and teaching about Quebec on the UB campus.

Since the creation of Canadian Studies in the fall of 2008, and the simultaneous incorporation of a Quebec Studies component within this new general academic unit, our goal has been to establish a leading, sustainable and well recognized program. The effort was two-pronged: first, to identify UB scholars who carried out research on Quebec who would comprise a local research committee; second, to secure multiyear funding for activities centered on short visits by scholars from Quebec who shared common research interests with our UB faculty and to create a funding mechanism to support short visits by meritorious undergraduate and graduate students in Quebec. Thus we could offer competitive scholarships for studies involving Quebec.

In the fall of 2008 we invited Ms. Le, the representative of the Québec Délégation Générale in New York, the North-East head office of the Quebec provincial government. After meeting with her we wrote a PIRQ grant (Quebec Research Initiative) which was not successful but which gave us valuable experience and insights into grant writing for the Quebec government.

Parallel to this institutional administrative activity, UB maintained research activities related to Canada and Quebec. In particular, in the following year many Canadian and Québec speakers participated in the international colloquium “Urbanités Littéraires//Cityscapes-Literary Escapes” organized on the UB campus in the fall of 2009 (September 10-13). The goal of the conference was to study the relationship between writing and the urban environment, and to specify interactive engagements between literature, architecture, and urbanism. Because the government of Québec and the city of Montréal have made an innovative effort to devise an ambitious architectural and urban program to develop the city’s aging architectural patrimony in a way similar to the
situation here in Buffalo, we were able to
discuss the the renovation of Montréal harbor
("le vieux port et le canal de Lachine") and its
similarity to Buffalo’s waterfront. Professor.
Simon Harel from UQAM and Domenic A.
Beneventi from CELAT-UQAM were key
speakers at the colloquium. Their presence
permitted discussion of a possible institutional
exchange agreement between UB and UQAM.
During the summer of 2010 a formal agreement
between the two institutions was signed by the
Presidents of both universities with the help of
the Office of the Vice-Provost for International
Education at UB. In the spring of 2010, the UB
program in Québec Studies collaborated with
the Albright-Knox Museum when it offered an
exhibit dedicated to the avant-garde Québec
literary and artistic movement “Les
Automatistes.” UB proposed readings of the
Automatistes authors at the Albright-Knox
Museum and on campus and supported the visit
of Quebec and American scholars for a cycle of
conferences on the plastic merits of this
genuine North American art movement of the
50’s.

In the spring, also, Jean-Jacques Thomas wrote
a grant proposal for “Program Enhancement”
that was submitted to the Québec government.
The grant was awarded in the fall of 2010 and
gave Québec Studies at UB the necessary
budgetary footing to create and enhance
Quebec activities on the UB campus, as well as
to foster the necessary visit of Quebec scholars
interested in academic programs similar to
those [that] offered at UB. In the spring of 2011
the Quebec Studies program invited Prof.
Josette Féral, Chair of Theater Studies at
UQAM, to talk to the UB administration and
faculty about possible exchange and joint
programs for research and theater production,
both here in Buffalo and in Québec.

Professor Josette Feral of L’Université du Québec à
Montréal (UQAM) was a visitor to our campus as a guest
of Associate Director Jean-Jacques Thomas in March 2011.
From L-R, Munroe Eagles, Ruth Bereson, John Wood,
Stephen Dunnett, and Professor Feral and Professor Maria
Horne.

Feral’s visit lead us to formulate several
concrete ways to offer student exchanges
starting in the academic year 2011-1012.

In the fall 2010 Jean-Jacques Thomas had
written a new PIRQ proposal and it was
announced in late spring that UB had been
granted a two-year $20,000 PIRQ by the
Quebec government. As a result of this
felicitous news, in the spring of 2011, Jean-
Jacques Thomas went to Montréal to discuss
with the UQAM official representatives, Simon
Harel and Josette Féral, possible research and
teaching projects starting with the new
academic year. Several areas of immediate joint
development were considered: theater studies,
geopolitical water issues, cinema studies,
artistic exhibits and computer generated
graphics.

On September 27th, 2011, Alain Olivier, Director,
Communications, Government Relations and
Academic Affairs, will visit the UB campus and
meet with Stephen C. Dunnett (Vice-Provost for
International Education), Lorraine Oak
(Associate Dean CAS and Director Canadian
American Studies Committee), Munroe Eagles
(Director Canadian Studies), Laure Bordas
(Graduate Assistant for Québec Affairs) and
Jean-Jacques Thomas (Associate Director
Canadian Studies for Quebec Affairs and
Programs).
The Quebec Studies group wishes to thank Stephen Dunnett, Vice-Provost for International Education, Lorraine Oak, Director of Canadian-American Studies Committee and Munroe Eagles, Director of Canadian Studies, for their continued assistance in making Quebec Studies at UB a reality. As we start the new academic year with a solid funding, we look ahead to contributing markedly to UB excellence, international presence and a sustainable capacity to enable our graduate and undergraduate students to reach their goal of acquiring an outstanding education in an increasingly global world.

Inaugural “Binational Executive Seminar” (BES) Held at Brock/UB June 13-17th, 2011

Munroe Eagles, CSAP and BES Director

One of the suggestions emerging from the inaugural meeting of our Community Advisory Board in August 2010 was to have Brock/UB organize an instructional workshop on Canada-US relations to be aimed primarily at legislative and political professional staffers and researchers in the legislative process. These individuals work behind the scenes to develop and refine policy positions and provide critical advice to elected legislators and executives. Though they tend to receive little attention, their skills and insights are often quietly but highly influential in the legislative process, and they tend to pursue these jobs as careers. An investment in educating these individuals in Canada-US relations can be expected therefore to return dividends in terms of capacity building in this important area for decades to come.

Three members of our Advisory Committee, and Pamela Davis Heilman of Hodgson Russ LLP, were instrumental in helping to recruit experts to serve as “visiting faculty” for the Seminar, and to secure sponsorship funding for the event. In total, $40,000 was raised for this purpose, $27,000 from the Canadian government, $10,000 from the two Bridge Commissions, $1,000 each from Hodgson Russ LLP and Phillips Lytle LLP, and $1,000 from the Canadian-American Studies Committee at UB.

The inaugural “Binational Executive Seminar” was held June 13-17th, 2011 at UB, Brock, and the Rainbow Bridge Promenade in Niagara Falls, ON and the Peace Bridge Authority Boardroom in Fort Erie, ON. The curriculum and agenda were designed and implemented by Munroe.
Eagles and Dan Kolundzic of the Canadian Consulate in Buffalo. They were assisted by Dayle Cotter, also of the Consulate, and Carol Merriam, Associate Dean at Brock assisted with arrangements at Brock. BES Fellows, whose local expenses were covered by the Seminar, interacted for the five days in a series of formal seminar sessions and at informal events. The latter included a spectacular dinner cruise on the “Spirit of Buffalo” and wonderful luncheons provided by the Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Commission and the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission presented when the Seminar visited their border facilities.

At these events Fellows were able to discuss the Canadian-American relationship with some of the most knowledgeable and experienced personalities in academic and practitioner communities. Faculty included a former Canadian Minister of International Trade (Jim Peterson), a former US Governor and ambassador to Canada (Gov. James Blanchard), two former chairs of the Canadian-American Business Council (Kelly Johnston and Maryscott “Scotty” Greenwood), and many other experts.

By all accounts, the Seminar was an enormous success. Visiting faculty encouraged us to continue with were enthusiastic about returning in future years. The results of a post-Seminar evaluation of the twelve Fellows who participated (3 from Canada, 2 UB grad students, and 7 US staffers) were overwhelmingly positive and all participants urged us to continue with this project in future years. The Seminar has attracted the attention and support of the most senior policy makers in Canada. Based on this enthusiastic reception we intend to institutionalize the Seminar as an annual offering, and will be raising money this year for this purpose. See www.binationalexecutiveseminar.cas.buffalo.edu.

Fellows of the Binational Executive Seminar participate in a session at the Rainbow Bridge Promenade of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission in Niagara Falls, ON, on June 15, 2011.

A Fulbrighter’s Canadian Sojourn

Dr. Robert Granfield, Chair, Department of Sociology

Looking out over the Niagara River from my home in Lewiston, NY, the shoreline of Canada appears quite similar to the US shoreline. With the exception of the Brock Monument that stands high above Queenston, as if keeping a watchful eye on Lewiston, the Niagara offers a majestic interruption between two otherwise parallel landscapes. After spending time at the University of Ottawa and traveling throughout Canada during my four month Fulbright Fellowship, I now appreciate that the apparent similarity of shorelines mask some deep differences. In the months I spent living, working, and traveling above the 49th parallel, I learned much about our northern friends and saw my own country through the eyes of Canadians. It was a thoroughly rewarding experience.

From August through December of 2010, I was the Research Chair in International Law and Social Justice at the University of Ottawa’s (uOttawa) Human Rights Research and Education Center. The HRREC is Canada’s premier center for human rights research and education. With its small and highly energetic staff, this center, located in uOttawa’s Faculty
of Law building, conducts research, coordinates seminars and webinars, serves as a clearinghouse for international human rights information, and provides institutional support for graduate students and visiting scholars including an annual Fulbright scholar. The time I spent at HRREC was not only intellectually engaging and stimulating, but was refreshing, supportive, and fun. Although I had heard of Fulbright horror stories from colleagues in other countries, I can’t imagine a better or more organized visiting experience than the one I received at uOttawa. From the first day, the governance staff at HRREC (Professor Lucie Lamarche – Research Director and Sonya Nigam – Executive Director) saw to my every need and, along with Peter Showler, the director of the Refugee Forum and Vincent Greason, the Community Leadership in Justice fellow, immediately made me feel part of the family at HRREC. Much of my time at the HRREC was spent sharing lunch, having impromptu office chats and banters, discussing research with graduate students, and sharing an occasional home-cooked dinner complete with hearty conversations about such things as Canadian and US politics, Canadian diversity and regional differences, human rights, art and culture, beavers, and yes, hockey. Having grown up near Boston, I was fortunate to find a Bruins fan (more like a Bruins-aholic) among my office mates and was able to continue conversations about hockey long after my Fulbright concluded at the end of December, extending into June through the Stanley Cup playoffs. In addition to my HRREC colleagues, others on the Common Law faculty at uOttawa including Dean Bruce Feldthusen, Ellen Zweibel, Martha Jackman, and especially Adam Dodek made my Fulbright experience particularly rewarding.

The research I conducted during my Fulbright brought me in contact with lawyers, NGO’s, legal aid staff, and other academics throughout Canada. More specifically, I explored the growth of pro bono legal services within the Canadian legal system. As a mechanism of delivering legal services to individuals, volunteer pro bono legal work has become institutionalized in many large law firms in the US and is rapidly expanding in Canada and elsewhere. Having conducted research and written on the institutionalization of pro bono legal work in the US, I was curious about why and how it was evolving in Canada. Through helpful contacts with Lorne Sossin, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School and David Scott, a distinguished lawyer at the Ottawa office of the law firm, BLG, I traversed Canada and the Canadian pro bono community. During my four months, I interviewed approximately 50 lawyers, NGO representatives, Bar Association and Law Society staff, legal aid staff and academics regarding the development of the Canadian pro bono movement. From Montreal to Vancouver, I had the opportunity to discuss matters of public service, the legal needs of marginalized groups, the state of volunteering, the changing nature of the Canadian legal profession, the status of legal aid funding and a host of other related topics with fascinating array of Canadians. Whether I was interviewing lawyers at some of Canada’s largest law firms, discussing matters of legal aid funding with staff of the Ontario Legal Aid Society, visiting pro bono projects set up by NGO’s like Pro Bono Law Ontario in Toronto and Ottawa or Access Pro Bono in Vancouver, or exchanging ideas with notable academics from McGill, Carleton, Osgoode Hall, UQam, and uOttawa, I found a sincere willingness and interest in engaging the issues I was raising. I also had occasion to speak at universities across Canada including Queens, UBC, and uOttawa and was invited to participate in the 3rd National Pro Bono Conference in Calgary. Towards the end of my Fulbright, I even had the opportunity to organize a panel discussion with prominent members of the bar and the Canadian Bar Association. I can’t imagine a richer intellectual experience and one that has propelled my research into new directions.

I don’t want to leave the impression however, that my four months in Canada were all work and no play. Living in Ottawa and traveling
around Canada ranks as one of my most memorable life experiences. I developed a deep fondness for Ottawa, a city that I had never visited before my Fulbright experience. I recall driving up route 416 from the 401 thinking that I must be lost; how could the capital of Canada be so remote? Living in Ottawa I learned the answer to this question and much more. My apartment was walking distance to Parliament, Byward Market, uOttawa, and the best scones in the world at The Scone Witch Bakery. I spent weekends cycling and walking along the Rideau, eating Beavertails and cruising bookstores in Byward, hiking in Gatineau Park, touring the Museum of Civilization, and with my wife Marian, had a magical New Year’s Eve strolling along the frozen canal, feeding the cats on Parliament Hill, and joining in the evening’s festivities. I also experienced some of the more daring features in Canada’s landscape including crewing in a sailboat race on the Ottawa River, skiing the Olympic run at Whistler Mountain, and even playing some ice hockey with other Fulbrighters and the Fulbright Canada staff who were gracious enough to keep their laughter to a modest guffaw after watching several of us partake in the national pastime.

All in all, it was an extraordinary four months and now, whenever I look across the Niagara or cross over to the other side, I experience a strange sense of being home and with it, a deep fondness and familiarity that will last for many years to come.

Fulbright Scholar Robert Granfield with the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, ON in the background. Fall 2010

Arts Management Grows its Canadian Connections in 2011

Dr. Ruth Bereson, Director, Arts Management

The UB Arts Management Program continues to develop lasting relationships with Canadian Arts Companies. This year there will be a focus on performing arts companies in the profit and not for profit arena. The program will begin its academic year on August 26 by taking first and second year students to Toronto to the Mirvish Organization. This has been organized in by Mark Lavaway Director-Labour Relations & Business Development who recognizes the value of developing arts managers who understand the profession and who can think through a range of key issues. He has arranged for us to meet with all levels of management and visit the organization’s five theatres. David Mirvish will also speak to the students of his experience as a theatre producer and owner as well as his commitment to the Visual Arts as a collector and art dealer and a member of significant arts organizations' boards of trustees.

On September 16 students will make their fourth annual visit to the Shaw Festival. Executive Director Colleen Blake opens up the doors to the theatre in wonderful style. In the morning students are given an overview of the footprint of the theatres and taken on a backstage tour. In the afternoon Colleen is joined by senior management who discuss the company profile, their aspirations, and the challenges of their positions. Invariably conversation focusses on the company’s unusual bi-national approach to all aspects of its operation from audience development to funding. In the evening students are invited to a production so that they can witness for themselves the final result of the process. Two students will then have the opportunity of working with the Shaw Festival on their Fieldwork assignment in the following semester. Having a major Canadian festival virtually on our doorstep which also allows us to
explore international issues in theatre management is a wonderful enhancement to bi-national issues in arts management.

In 2010 Judy Richardson Executive Producer at the Stratford festival invited Patrick Fagan to Stratford and consequently in 2011 we are planning to develop further associations with the company by bringing students to Stratford in Fall 2011. As with the Shaw Festival and Mirvish organization, we hope to develop fieldwork opportunities for students with the Stratford Festival.

It is alliances such as these which enhance our understanding of international issues in the arts. We are delighted that Colleen Blake and director Eda Holmes, Mark Lavaway, and Judy Richardson will join us at the “Curtain Up!” event on September 16 where the Buffalo Theatre's unite to open their curtains for the new performance year. This will be our second such event which allows us to introduce the Buffalo Theatre scene to our Canadian colleagues thanks to the generous support from the Canadian American Studies committee.

Profiles in Canadian Studies - Certificate Program Student Vishal Greenaway

The Advanced Graduate Certificate Program has attracted students from a wide variety of departments and backgrounds.

Vishal Greenaway decided to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies after learning that Canadian Banks were able to escape the recent global financial crisis relatively unscathed. Encouraged by the program's interdisciplinary approach, Vishal was excited to dig deeper into the many variables that shape the Canadian economy. A dual-citizen and living within an eyeshot of the Peace Bridge, connecting Buffalo, New York with Fort Erie, Ontario, Vishal discovered a strong interest in the economic relationship that ties Canada and the United States. He is particularly interested in exploring the different economic models pursued by the two nations and how related policies impact the overall socio-economic development of each nation. After completing the Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies, Vishal plans to continue his involvement in academia by pursuing a PhD, focusing primarily on the economic models as embraced by Canada and other Commonwealth nations and the impact such models have on the socio-economic development of their respective populations.

Vishal holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University at Buffalo. Additionally, Vishal holds a Masters of Arts degree in International Affairs from the Milano School for Management and Urban Policy (The New School), with a focus on socio-economic development. Currently, Vishal works as an Assistant Management Analyst in the Finance office of the Buffalo Board of Education. In his free time he enjoys biking throughout the Buffalo/Niagara region, sailing in Lake Erie, reminding fellow Buffalonians on the value Canada has on the local economy and how
ridiculous it is to waste time waiting to cross the border (in either direction).

Vishal Greenaway is a Canadian Studies Graduate Certificate Student and works full-time for the City of Buffalo.

**Meeting Margaret Atwood**

_A poem by Herb Kauderer, CSAP Graduate and American Studies Doctoral Candidate_

(first appeared in _Beneath the Greasepaint_ 12/29/03)

I don’t know why Al moved my briefcase while I was in the rest room, but I followed it to the other side of the banquet table even though it put my back to the dais and gave me nothing to look at except the people at the next table.

Imagine my surprise when one of them turned out to be Margaret Atwood. Serendipity they call it.

I took a leisurely inventory. She was tiny, had quizzical eyebrows, a pointing nose, and almost wild curly black hair. She looked perhaps 50 or so.

I don’t know why we didn’t expect her. It was her city. Her book nominated for the grand award.

Excerpts from each nominee were read aloud by committee designees. She had to watch & listen to someone else read her words. She put her right hand up to her forehead and curled some fingers into a tunnel through which to watch the nominees.

Of course she won.

She moved well going up to the dias. I turned my chair completely to watch.

As she spoke 20 years drained away from her face. She told small stories in a lucid self-assured way. Again & again she built to humorous points, punctuating each with a surging shrug of her shoulders & rising up onto her toes. Soon everyone was laughing right on cue. She was the best speaker that night.

With speeches concluded the banquet broke up. People quickly nattered out of the room while we spoke to leaving friends & soon people were not clustered around her. So Al said, “Come on. Let’s go meet Margaret Atwood.” & he walked away.

Al was already started when I got there. “...big fan of your books. And this is my friend.”

“Hi, I ’m Herb. I teach English. And I really enjoyed ‘The Blind Assassin’.” She took my proffered hand and shook. She reached up to do so. I don’t think she came up to my shoulder.
“Oh. Do you teach English in Buffalo, NY with your friend?”
“Yes. Although I’ve never met anyone I teach before.”
She smiled at my awkward metonomy.

“Oh, you teach me?”
_Not in my wildest dreams do I have a thing to teach you, _I thought.
“Sure. You’re one of my favorites.

I love to teach you & Dorothy Parker, & Alice Munro.”

“Oh. I’m in good company.”
“And right now I’m in very good company.”
Background noise was growing and it was getting hard to hear. But strangely there seemed little else to say,

so we finished our pleasantries & stood silently while others spoke. And soon we all departed.

See Herb’s profile in _Canadian Connections@ UB_, No. 3, Fall 2010.

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Bruce Pitman took the helm as new Dean of UB’s College of Arts & Sciences on July 1, and as shown above, assumed command of the sailing ship the “Spirit of Buffalo” on the evening of June 14\(^{th}\), as faculty and Fellows of the “Binational Executive Seminar on Canada-US Relations” enjoyed a dinner cruise.

**Profiles in Canadian Studies - Certificate Program Student Mike Frank**

Mike Frank is an instructor of economics at Nashville State Community College in Nashville, Tennessee and current student of UB’s Canadian Studies Program. Mike is no stranger to Buffalo or UB as he grew up in Lancaster NY (suburb of Buffalo) and attended and received his graduate degree in economics from UB.

Mike is interested in the Canadian Studies program because of his interest in economics and the part geography plays. Mike uses his time off during the summer to come back to Buffalo to take courses for the certificate program. By earning the certificate Mike wants to use the knowledge gained in this program to enhance his teaching of economics. He wants to be able to compare and contrast the two economies in the global market place. Mike is also interested in taking some graduate geography courses in order to teach geography at the community college level.
Presently Mike has been living in Nashville where he has resided for the past four years while teaching at Nashville State Community College. He has taught at various other community colleges around the country. He was an instructor of business, economics, and geography at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Craig Colorado. He also taught at Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas and at Community College of Aurora in Denver Colorado where he was an instructor of economics. Mike hobbies include playing tennis and playing in the men’s hockey league in Nashville. Mike enjoys living in the south but does miss all the snow and cold in Buffalo.

Mike Frank, CSAP student and instructor in Economics, Nashville State Community College, Nashville, TN.

Curricular Developments in the Canadian Studies Academic Program

Munroe Eagles, Director, CSAP

Beyond the submission of the proposal for a joint MA degree in Canadian-American Studies with Brock University, 2010-11 was a year of curricular innovation in the Canadian Studies graduate program. In the Spring semester of 2011, Munroe Eagles offered a dual-listed undergraduate/graduate course entitled “Borderlands- Understanding the Binational Niagara Region (CDN 420/520).” Approximately 15 students (10 undergraduates and 5 graduates) enrolled in the course that looks at the binational Niagara region through a theoretical and comparative lens. In conjunction with the Binational Executive Seminar (BES) in June 2011, and as discussed in an earlier piece in this Newsletter, Eagles also offered CDN 600 – “Public Policy and the Political Management of the Canada-US Relationship” to two students in the CSAP certificate program. Having this intensive, expert-led and comprehensive seminar dealing with the broad context of Canada-US relations, and also with the detailed complexities of managing that relationship, available to our students should help recruit students to our degree and certificate programs. Moreover, the exposure to leading experts and practitioners of that relationship will be instrumental in equipping our students with the necessary background to contribute positively to the management of the binational relationship.

The Associate Director for Quebec Programs and Affairs Professor Jean-Jacques Thomas has also developed a “Summer Institute on Québec Studies comprised of two graduate courses. See his report earlier in this Newsletter for more details.

Former Canadian Member of Parliament Visits UB – November 30, 2010

Mr. Geoff Scott served as an MP for Hamilton-Wentworth, a nearby southern Ontario constituency, in the Canadian House of Commons for 16 years. He was guest speaker in Canadian Studies/Political Science 345 class on November 30th, 2010. A former broadcast journalist before entering the world of elected politics, Mr. Scott shared his interesting reflections on the media, parliamentary representation and MP roles and responsibilities in Ottawa and in the constituency. His visit to UB was the second made by former Canadian MPs to campus and it
was sponsored by the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians.

Mr. Geoff Scott, Dr. Lorraine Oak, and Mrs. Scott, visit UB to discuss the role of a Member of the Canadian parliament (MP).

Fellows, Faculty, and Friends of the Binational Executive Seminar gather at the Buffalo waterfront on June 14th for a dinner cruise on Lake Erie on the “Spirit of Buffalo” sailing ship. The cruise followed an afternoon spent considering the challenges of cross-border governance of our shared water resources.

TRUN Organizes Great Lakes Projects

John Wood, Associate Vice Provost for International Education

In September 2010, the University of Toronto Centre for Environment hosted a meeting of interested researchers from TRUN (Transborder Research University Network) institutions to explore collaborative efforts focused on the future of transboundary water management in the Great Lakes. Established in 2007, TRUN is a network of 13 US and Canadian research universities in the transborder region; UB is the lead US campus.

At a follow-up TRUN meeting held at Wayne State University in Detroit in November 2010 three project proposals were discussed. The first of these focused on strategies for water/wastewater policy development leading to effective management of the Great Lakes basin. How can research from across the disciplines be harnessed more effectively to tackle the challenge of maintaining water quality within the Great Lakes to ensure adequate supply well into the future?

A second research project addresses the theme “Great Lakes Basin: Water as an Opportunity.” This seeks to explore the notion of water not only as an economic opportunity but also as an opportunity for improving health and well-being, building scientific capacity, developing innovative governance structures and processes, empowering stakeholders, improving inter-governmental (including international) relations, renewing cultural diversity; and developing environmental stewardship in the Great Lakes Basin.

The third project involves a Scenario Analysis on the Future of the Great Lakes – from a water perspective. Scenarios are stories about the future that guide strategic planning. They ask: how could the future diverge from the present? What are the forces driving change? What are the key uncertainties facing the business? Understanding the range of how these forces and uncertainties could play out in the future leads to a critical strategic question: if the future unfolds as described in the scenarios, what can be done about it? The purpose of scenarios is to enhance understanding and learning, to surface hidden assumptions and risks, and to provide a context for evaluating the consequences of strategic decisions.

In addition to current TRUN member institutions, these Great Lakes projects have engaged three major research institutions in Michigan—Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University—all key players in research and policy studies relating to the Great Lakes.
Panelists Discuss Hockey in a Cross-Border Context

Dr. Lorraine Oak, Associate Dean and Chair of the Canadian-American Studies Committee

“Pucks across the Border” was a panel discussion held on December 11th, 2010 that celebrated the Canadian-American hockey relationship. It was held at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery just prior to the World Juniors hockey championship tournament that was hosted in December-January by the Buffalo Sabres. The panel featured some of the game’s most prominent voices and analyzed where we have been as hockey neighbors and partners and where we are going. Panelists will recount their personal experiences in and with the game of hockey and its place in North American culture.

Panelists Included:

Harry Neale - Buffalo Sabres Broadcaster (former NHL Coach and General Manager)
Joe Bertagna - Commissioner (Hockey East of the NCAA Division I)
Margot Page - Coach of Canada's Under-20 Women's National Team
Richard Harrison - Professor & Poet (Mount Royal University, Calgary)
Bob Mancini - USA Hockey Regional Manager (former OHL coach & NHL Scout)
Andy Holman (Moderator) - Professor (Bridgewater State University)

The Nanos-UB North American Monitor: Seven Years of Polling Canadians and Americans

Nik Nanos, CEO, Nanos Research, and Research Associate Professor, Canadian Studies, University at Buffalo - SUNY

Nanos Research is please to release the seventh year of longitudinal tracking that is done in cooperation with the State University of New York at Buffalo. The research project is led by Nik Nanos, the President of Nanos Research and a research associate professor with UB. The initiative is sponsored by Nanos Research and conducted in consultation with Munroe Eagles and Dan Kolundzic of the Canadian Studies program at UB.

The objective of the initiative was to add to the unfolding dialogue and discussion on Canada-US Relations in a manner that engages stakeholders, institutions and entrepreneurs in a direct fashion. Now in its seventh wave of tracking, the current wave of research is based on the opinions of 1,004 Canadians and 1,000 Americans. Parallel questions on bi-national issues are tracked by means of a random representative on-line sample of Canadians and Americans conducted in the month of August. The most recent wave of research was completed between August 24 and 29, 2011.

In terms of comparative countries tested in the research grid, they are based on the top trading partners common to both countries including: Britain, Japan, France, Germany, China and Mexico.

This initiative is intended as a mechanism through which Canadian and American regional and national stakeholders and institutions can (i) measure ongoing public opinion on issues relevant to the Canada-U.S. relationship, and (ii) continue the dialogue among key national, state and provincial government and business stakeholders.

The data files from the interviews collected by Nanos are on deposit with UB to allow for academics and graduate students to explore and understand the changing dynamic of the bi-national relationship.

Key Findings from the Nanos-UB Seven Year Tracking Study

On the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks in the US, although perceptions remain positive, the urgency of Canadians and Americans to co-operate on security issues continues to diminish. The one exception
relates to energy where the importance of cooperation remains stable and strong in the minds of Canadians and Americans.

Relationship Drift – Looking at the seven year trend, the continuing drift in opinion between Canadians and Americans in terms of cooperation on national security, anti-terrorism and border security continues. Although still majority opinions, Canadians are consistently less likely to support cooperation compared to Americans.

Pursuing Nation-Centric Interest – Appetite for an independent path continues to be weaker in Canada under the Obama Administration compared to the Bush Administration. Although agreement to pursue their own national interests remains strong among both Americans and Canadians, the intensity of desire to chart an independent path among Canadians has continued to decline under the Obama administration compared to the previous Bush administration.

Human Rights – Canada top among Americans – US keeps top spot among Canadians for fourth year in a row under Obama. The US has maintained its top position among Canadians on human rights for the fourth year in succession with an increase in the percentage of Canadians who cited the US as the country closest to it in terms of human rights. Canada also received a comparable first ranked score and percentage among Americans in terms of human rights alignment.

Family Values – Mutual top rankings for family values continue. Although the comparative scores for Canada and the US on family values remained stable, there occurred a noticeable drop in the percentage of Canadians who said France was closely aligned with Canada. In the United States the scores of France remained low.

Business Values – Canada ranked third in US behind Japan and China, US ranked a runaway first among Canadians – Year over year, there has been no significant change in the views of Americans in terms of business values with Japan still being ranked first followed by China and Canada. Canadians still overwhelmingly see the US as the country with business values closest to Canada but this is clearly not reciprocated by Americans.

Inspecting Shipments - Focus on Mexico rises while focus on China slides for both Canadians and Americans. The percentage of Americans who thought goods from Mexico should be the most closely inspected continued to trend upward and hit a new seven year high. Although China ranked second as a goods inspection target for both Canadians and Americans, the percentage of respondents in both countries citing China as a priority continued to slide. Only four percent of Americans thought Canadian goods should be inspected while 13% of Canadians thought American goods should be inspected.

Questioning Visitors – Mexico continues to top the lists in both Canada and the United States as the priority for checking visitors. The intensity of priority checking of Mexicans is higher among Americans than Canadians with China a distant second in both countries. Only five percent of Americans thought Canadians should be checked and 16 percent of Canadians thought Americans should be checked at the border when visiting Canada.

Integrated Energy Policy – Views on the importance of developing an integrated energy policy remain consistent and strong. Almost nine out of ten Americans and eight out of ten Canadians saw developing an integrated energy policy as important. The views related to this measure have remained strong and relatively unchanged.

Canadian-American Studies Committee

Dr. Lorraine Oak, Associate Dean and Chair, Canadian-American Studies Committee

An important aspect of the Canadian-American Pucks Across the Border was a panel discussion
celebrating and exploring Canadian-American Hockey Relations. Presented on December 11 at the Albright-Knox Gallery in Buffalo, a broad spectrum of speakers discussed an astonishing range of men’s and women’s amateur and professional hockey-related topics. The Moderator was Andy Holman, Professor and hockey coach, Bridgewater State University, and participants included Harry Neale, well-known broadcaster and former NHL coach; Joe Bertagna, NCAA Commissioner of Hockey East; Margot Page, Coach of Canada’s U-20 Women’s National Hockey Team; Richard Harrison, Professor and Poet; and, Bob Mancini, USA Hockey Regional Manager. The Canadian-American Studies Committee was pleased to participate with the Consulate General and other sponsors to launch a December of hockey as Buffalo hosted the World Junior Hockey Tournament.

Over the past year, many UB faculty members have made outstanding contributions or received special recognition for their work in Canadian Studies. Munroe Eagles (Political Science; Chair, Canadian Studies Academic Program) was awarded a Canadian Embassy Faculty Research Grant for his work on Canadian Parliament, as well as an award from the Canadian Study of Parliament Group, for research on lobbying of MPs. Jean-Jacques Thomas (Romance Languages; Associate Director, Canadian Studies) drafted the exchange agreement between UB and the University of Quebec at Montreal, received a Program Enhancement Grant from the Province of Quebec, as well as the prestigious PIRQ Grant (Programme d’Initiative de Recherche sur le Québec), and was nominated to the ACSUS Executive Council. Nik Nanos (Research Associate Professor, Canadian Studies) became the official pollster for CTV and the Globe and Mail, and was widely cited for both his polling results and their interpretation. During the fall of 2010, Robert Granfield (Chair, Sociology; Director, Civic Engagement and Public Policy) was in residence at the University of Ottawa as the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in International Humanitarian Law. Christian Flaugh, (Romance Languages and Literatures) was awarded a contract by McGill-Queen’s University Press for Freaks and the Spectrum of Abilities, a book partially based on the work of Jacques Godbout, a Quebec novelist. Jason Sorens (political science) also has a forthcoming book entitled Secessionism: Identity, Interest, and Strategy to be published by McGill-Queen’s University Press. Helen Domske (Great Lakes Program) was named Erie County Sportsmen’s Federation “Public Servant of the Year” for her work helping citizens and government officials understand issues related to Lake Erie. Joseph Atkinson (Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering; Director, Great Lakes Program) is a specialist for the International Joint Commission. Brian Carter (Architecture and Planning) is “Book of the Year” silver medalist for Atelier BUILD, a volume on young architects in Canada, and was appointed as external examiner in Architecture at Dalhousie University. Carolina Press has agreed to publish a Law textbook on the Canada-US Relationship, coedited by Kathryn Bryk Friedman (Regional Institute). Ms. Bryk Friedman also participated over the March 2nd-4th period in the 40th annual “Frank Church Memorial Symposium” on the topic “Life Beyond the Border: Canada, U.S., and Mexico” that was held at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho., and in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region Summit, Windsor, ON, June 21-22nd, among other meetings. She continued her excellent work on the Border Barometer series in collaboration with the Border Policy Institute of the University of Western Washington. Katie, along with Helen Domske, Munroe Eagles, and Joshua Dyck, were among the expert presenters at the inaugural “Binational Executive Seminar” held in Western New York/Southern Ontario last June. Mark Frank (Communication), an expert in nonverbal analysis, was invited to advise the Toronto Police. John Stone (Rehabilitation Sciences) was awarded the 2010 UB Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education in part for his continuing high-profile work on...
Canadian-American comparative health policy. Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen (Chair, Geography) was named to the editorial board of *The Canadian Geographer*. Also of note, Brian McSherry, a Visual Studies student, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Montreal, Tasha Lavey, a Political Science and Canadian Studies student, received the Doctoral Student Research Grant from the Canadian Embassy, and Geography student, Jennifer Stoll, participated in Project Connect in Ottawa, and conducted field work in Alberta, supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Doctoral Student Research Award.

**Short Notices**

The “2011 Crossing Borders Student Conference” was hosted March 10-11, 2011 by Brock University as part of our collaborative agreement to alternate in this capacity, and in conjunction with “Binational Dialogues 2011” at the Americana Hotel and Resort in Niagara Falls, ON. At the meeting Professor Marian Bredin, Director of Canadian Studies at Brock University announced that Ms. Tasha Lavey, a UB PhD candidate in Political Science and recent Canadian Studies Advanced Certificate graduate (see her profile in the Fall 2010 Newsletter), had won the “best paper” prize for last year’s (2010) conference for her comparative study of the IGO memberships of Canada and the US. Her paper has subsequently been released as an “Occasional Paper” in the series set up by the joint Brock/UB “Institute for Transnational Studies in the Americas” (www.itsa.buffalo.edu). Tasha also was successful in obtaining a “Doctoral Research Award” from the Canadian Embassy to support her dissertation research into Charter cases decided at provincial Supreme Courts. She also participated in a week-long seminar sponsored by “Project Connect,” an initiative to recruit and mentor a new generation of Canadian Studies scholars in the US that is operated by the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh (see her contribution in this Newsletter). She also served as a valued graduate assistant for the “Binational Executive Seminar on Canada-US Relations” this summer.

**Dr. Munroe Eagles, CSAP Director** served as a “Senior Subject Specialist” on a “Project Connect” colloquium held in Plattsburgh, NY in October 2010. In that capacity, he provided commentary on three papers by young Canadianists. He also took part in two workshops this academic year. The first was held in October at Memorial University in St. John’s, Newfoundland & Labrador.

Subsequently, the paper he presented at that meeting has been included in an edited volume based on the proceedings (currently under review at the University of British Columbia Press). He also participated in a workshop on comparative political parties held in honor of Ken Carty, a co-author who recently retired from UBC. This workshop was held in Vancouver in May 2011. Last November Eagles travelled to Ottawa to take part in the annual Executive Council meeting of the Association of Canadian Studies in the United States. In December Eagles received a $5000 Faculty Research Grant from the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC, to conduct research on MP expenses (he has previously received $750 from the Canadian-American Studies Committee to begin this project). In March he received a “James R. Mallory Research Grant” award from the Canadian Study of Parliament Group to conduct research on the lobbying activity directed at Canadian Members of Parliament. The award has a maximum value of $8,000 (Cdn). At the invitation of the Academic Relations program at the Canadian Embassy, Eagles evaluated both the Faculty Research Program and the Course Development Program and submitted separate reports on each of these programs. Over the March 2nd-4th period he was an invited participant in the 40th annual “Frank Church Memorial Symposium” on the topic “Life Beyond the Border: Canada, U.S., and Mexico” that was held at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. He also presented a paper entitled “What is the Border
For?” (with graduate student Hongxing Yin) based on the “Nanos-UB North American Monitor” data – an annual survey of Canadians and Americans at the Canadian Political Science Association meeting at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON in May 2011 deposited exclusively at UB by Nanos Research. In June 2011 Eagles was invited to join the academic consultant team for the development of an “everyday democracy index” for Samara, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening Canadian parliamentary institutions and democracy (www.Samaracanada.org). He has subsequently agreed to serve as the ‘team leader’ for the “Parliament and Parties” subgroup of this major research initiative.

At least three CSAP students or graduates are working on doctoral dissertations on topics related to Canada. CSAP graduate Herb Kauderer, a PhD student in American Studies, is preparing a dissertation examining the works of award-winning Canadian science fiction writer Robert Sawyer. While working on this, Herb is teaching full time at Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY. Fellow CSAP graduate Tasha Lavey, a doctoral student in Political Science, is working on a study of Charter of Rights and Freedoms and judicial decisions delivered by the 10 provincial supreme courts in Canada. She is supported in this research by a doctoral fellowship from the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. Thirdly, CSAP student Megan Gall, also a doctoral candidate in political science, is working on a comparative study of variations in violent and non-violent crime rates in Canada and the United States. Megan, who has a strong background in geography and GIS, won a prestigious fellowship to enable her to take part in a workshop on spatial statistics offered at Penn State University this past summer. Jeff Cooper, a CSAP graduate and Masters student in American Studies (and an officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police) is completing a thesis exploring policing in First Nations communities in Ontario.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

The Association of Canadian Studies in the US’s (ACSUS) 21st Biennial Conference will be held Nov. 16-19th 2011 at the Westin Ottawa, a hotel that overlooks Parliament Hill in that city (see www.acsus.org). The opening reception will take place on Parliament Hill on Wednesday, November 16. On Thursday, November 17, a reception will be held at Canada’s Museum of Civilization. Additional plenary events to be held at the Westin Ottawa. The program will feature over one hundred panels and roundtables on Canada and Canada-US relations across twelve disciplines. An excursion is being organized with the Ontario Centre for Research and Innovation to Plasco Energy’s innovative waste conversion plant. A draft program, along with registration and accommodation details will be available in May.

The University at Buffalo will host “Crossing Borders” student conference in March 2011. Papers on a wide range of topics dealing with Canada or a part of Canada (whether as a case study or in a comparative analysis including other countries) or the Canadian-American relationship. Proposals should be submitted to Dr. Munroe eagles, c/o the Canadian Studies Academic Program, 810 Clemens Hall, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260. (eagles@buffalo.edu) The deadline for paper proposals is February 10, 2012. For more information on this and previous conferences, see http://www.crossingborders.buffalo.edu/.

Saint Mary’s University, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, will host a conference entitled “Constructing the Hockey Family: Home, Community, Bureaucracy, Marketplace,” on July 12-14, 2012. This conference continues the occasional series of scholarly conferences on hockey begun at Saint Mary’s University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) in 2001 and hosted most recently in 2010 by the University at Buffalo – SUNY (Buffalo, New York). The conference is designed to be a
congenial gathering of people interested in hockey from a variety of points of view, including academics from a number of different disciplines, writers, ex- and current players and coaches, people involved in the business of hockey, and lovers of the game. The deadline for paper proposals is Sept. 30, 2011. For more information, see http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=668.

**The Humanities Institute’s Annual Lecture Series for 2011-12** will be focused around the topic of “Fluid Culture”. There are six confirmed guest speakers whose work spans the economic and human impact of globalization, water rights activism, ecology and literature, and cultural production that relates to water. Two will be of particular interest to our Canadian Studies community. First, on October 17th Matthew Sparke from Geography at University of Washington in Seattle will offer a talk about the pharmaceutical industry and people who cross the U.S.-Canada border in search of inexpensive healthcare. On November 29th, Maude Barlow (Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, founder of the Blue Water Project, former advisor to the UN, author and water rights activist), addresses the privatization of water and access to fresh water as a universal human right in a talk entitled “The Global Water Crisis and the Coming Battle for the Right to Water.” Through the Canadian-American Studies Committee, Canadian Studies is pleased to be a co-sponsor for Barlowe’s visit. Further details on these (and other) talks can be obtained from “Fluid Culture” co-organizers: Colleen Culleton, Assistant Professor, Romance Languages: culleton@buffalo.edu; or Justin Read, Associate Professor, Romance Languages: jread2@buffalo.edu.

At the Binational Executive Seminar, Nik Nanos, CEO of Nanos Research and Research Associate Professor of Canadian Studies at UB, discusses polling and Canadian politics with Dan Kolundzic, Canadian Consulate, Buffalo, and BES Fellow Phil Giltner, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets.

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